



At-A-Glance: Community Schools

A community school is a traditional K-12 school that actively partners with community organizations to provide enrichment and additional life skill opportunities for students, parents, and other community members.



Established in 2014, the Tennessee Community Schools Act allows a traditional school to partner with community organizations to coordinate resources and provide students and community residents with certain services.



Services can include:

1. primary medical and dental care;
2. mental health prevention and treatment;
3. academic-enrichment activities designed to promote a student's cognitive development and provide opportunities to practice and apply academic skills;
4. programs designed to increase school attendance, including reducing early chronic absenteeism rates;
5. youth development programs designed to promote young people's social, emotional, physical, and moral development, including arts, sports, physical fitness, youth leadership, community service, and service-learning opportunities; and
6. early childhood education, including voluntary pre-K, Head Start, and Early Head Start programs.